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Homicide: 4700 Block of Benning Road, Southeast

(Washington, DC) – Detectives from the Metropolitan Police Department’s Homicide Branch are investigating a fatal shooting that occurred on Friday, November 22, 2019, in the 4700 block of Benning Road, Southeast.

At approximately 3:11 pm, members of the Sixth District responded to the listed location for the report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers located a juvenile male suffering from a gunshot wound. DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene and transported the victim to an area hospital for treatment of life threatening injuries.

On Tuesday, November 26, 2019, the victim succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead.

The decedent has been identified as **17 year-old Eric Mercer**, of Northwest, DC.

The Metropolitan Police Department currently offers a reward of up to **\$25,000** to anyone that provides information which leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for any homicide committed in the District of Columbia. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call the police at **202-727-9099**. Additionally, anonymous information may be submitted to the department’s **TEXT TIP LINE** by sending a text message to **50411**.

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